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SUBJ: PRIVATE VISIT BY HEALTH MINISTER

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1. ON MAY 9 THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED THE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL WITH MINISTER KRIEPS. KRIEPS APOLOGIZED FOR AGAIN CHANGING HIS SCHEDULE WHICH WILL NOW ALLOW FOR VISITS IN WASHINGTON ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 16 AND ALL DAY JUNE 17 ONLY. KRIEPS PROPOSES BEGINNING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 16 WITH A GENERAL BRIEFING IN HEW ON THE ACTIVITIES OF USG IN PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD AND HOW USG SUPPORTS PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND RESEARCH. WHILE AT HEW, KRIEPS WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CATALOGUE OF HEW PUBLICATIONS THAT HE COULD LATER ORDER FOR HIS MINISTRY. ON SAME AFTERNOON, KRIEPS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS INTERESTED IN SEEING BOTH DRUG ADDICTION AND ALCOHOL ABUSE CENTERS. ON JUNE 17, KRIEPS SUGGESTS THAT HALF DAY BE DEVOTED TO VISIT TO NIMH AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGING. AT NIMH KRIEPS IS MORE INTERESTED IN INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF FACILITY THAN IN EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES WHICH LUXEMBOURG COULD NOT EVER HOPE TO ORGANIZE. THE SECOND HALF DAY OF JUNE 17 COULD BE DEVOTED TO VISIT OF BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL, WHERE KRIEPS WOULD LIKE GENERAL ORIENTATION TOUR OF FACILITY.

2. ALTHOUGH REFTEL DOES NOT MENTION PROGRAM FOR KRIEPS IN NEW YORK, THE MINISTER REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR VISIT AT THE N.Y.U. HOS-

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PITAL'S CANCER DIVISION ON EITHER THE MORNING OR AFTER-

NOON OF JUNE 12. (NOTE: THE AMBASSADOR IS A TRUSTEE OF NYU.) KRIEPS IS MOST INTERESTED IN THE COBALT TREATMENT AREA IN THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE LUXEMBOURG IS CONSIDERING SUCH AN INSTALLATION. IF TIME PERMITS IN THE HALF-DAY IN NEW YORK, KRIEPS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BRIEFLY TOUR DR. HOWARD RUSK'S BELLEVUE REHABILITATION CENTER.

3. THE AMBASSADOR VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THE DEPARTMENT'S AND HEW'S POSITIVE REACTIONS TO KRIEPS' REQUESTS. PLEASE LET US KNOW THE TIMES FOR THE MINISTER'S FINALIZED PROGRAM SO THAT WE CAN INFORM KRIEPS. THE MINISTER WILL LET AMBASSADOR KNOW OF HIS PLANS AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT SENDS US HIS PROGRAM. MRS. KRIEPS WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANYING THE MINISTER ON THIS TRIP TO THE U.S. FARKAS

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